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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Galen R. Hatfield Docket No.: D-43025-01
Serial No.: 09/268,892
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Title: Authentication System and Methodology

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Sir:

As the above-identified inventor, I hereby declare that:

- 1) My respective residence and post office addresses and citizenship are given below.
- 2) I believe that I am the original inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought for the above-entitled invention, the specification of which
 - (a) was filed at the USPTO on March 16, 1999 under Serial No. 09/268,892.
- 3) I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any drawings attached thereto.
- 4) I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations 1.56(a).
- 5) Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, I hereby claim foreign priority benefits based upon the below-identified foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate:

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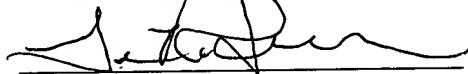
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